

CLAIMS

1. A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame, including providing first and second sections of the strip, joining at least one part of the first section to at least one part of the second section by applying and activating a heat-activatable material and joining other parts of the respective first and second sections by a moulding operation.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one parts of the first and second sections have a flocked surface.
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said other parts of the first and second sections have non-flocked surfaces.
4. A method according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said at least one parts of the first and second sections are positioned for supporting or contacting a window pane mounted in the window frame.
5. A method according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the respective sections meet to form a corner.
6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the corner forms an angle of substantially

90°.

7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the moulding operation forms a flap extending between the first and second sections.

8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the flap is formed to obscure a corner of the window frame.

9. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the heat-activatable material is activated by the heat generated by the moulding operation.

10. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first and second sections of the strip are formed by extrusion.

11. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein each of the first and second sections includes a channel portion for mounting on a flange of the window frame.

12. A method according to claim 11, wherein said at least one parts of the first and second sections comprise a flocked lip for pressing against a window pane and a limb extending from the channel portion, the lip extending from the distal end of the limb.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein said other parts have the non-flocked surfaces extending from the distal end of the limb.

14. A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame, including providing first and second sections of the strip, each having at least one part for contacting a window mounted in the frame; applying heat-activatable material to at least one of said parts; abutting the first and second sections of the strip; moulding together the first and second sections except for said parts, the said parts of the respective first and second sections being joined by activation of the heat-activatable material.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the said parts have flocked surfaces.

16. A method according to claim 14 or 15, wherein the heat-activatable material is activated by the heat generated by the moulding operation.

17. A method of forming a sealing, trimming or guiding strip for a window frame, including forming first and second sections of the strip by a continuous extrusion process; providing a part of each of the strips with a flocked surface; applying heat-activatable material to at least one of the parts having one of the flocked surfaces; providing a mould and heating means for heating the mould; and positioning the first and second sections of the strip with respect to the mould such that a portion of the first and second sections of the strip extend into a mould cavity and are heated to a relatively high temperature to

connect the portions of the strip extending into said cavity by moulding, and the respective parts with the flocked surfaces abut each other and are heated to a relatively low temperature to activate the heat-activatable material such that the parts having the flocked surfaces are also joined.

18. A method according to claim 17, wherein the respective parts with the flocked surfaces lie outside of the mould cavity and are heated indirectly by the heating of the mould cavity.

19. A method according to claim 17, wherein the respective parts with the flocked surfaces are positioned within the cavity and are cooled.

20. A method according to claim 17, 18 or 19 wherein the respective sections meet to form a corner.

21. A method according to any one of claims 17 to 20, wherein the mould cavity forms a flap of moulded material which connects the first and second sections of the strip, which flap is also shaped and positioned for obscuring a corner of the window frame.

22. A method according to any one of claims 17 to 21, wherein the heat activatable adhesive is activated by heat generated from the moulding operation.

23. A method according to any one of claims 17 to 22, wherein each of the first and second sections include a channel portion for mounting on a flange of the window frame, a limb extending from the channel, a flocked lip extending from the distal end of the limb for pressing against a window pane, the flocked lip comprising the part with the flocked surface, and a non-flocked part extending from the distal end of the limb, this part comprising the part with the non-flocked surface.

24. A sealing, trimming or guiding strip for mounting on a window frame, including first and second sections of the strip, wherein at least one part of the respective first and second sections has a heat activatable material applied thereto to join it to a corresponding part of the other of the respective first and second sections, and wherein the other parts are joined by moulded material.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said at least one part of the respective first and second sections has a flocked surface.

26. The apparatus of claim 24 or 25, wherein said other parts of the respective first and second sections have non-flocked surfaces.

27. The apparatus of claim 24, 25 or 26, wherein said at least one part of the respective first and second sections is positioned for supporting or contacting a window pane mounted in the window frame.

28. The apparatus of any one of claims 24 to 27, wherein the respective sections of the strip meet to form a corner.
29. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the corner forms an angle of substantially 90°.
30. The apparatus of any one of claims 24 to 29, wherein the moulded material forms a flap extending between the first and second sections of the strip.
31. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the flap is formed to obscure a corner of the window frame.
32. The apparatus of any one of claims 24 to 31, wherein the heat-activated adhesive is positioned so as to be activated by the formation of the moulded material.
33. The apparatus of any one of claims 24 to 32, wherein the first and second sections of the strip comprise extruded material.
34. The apparatus of any one of claims 24 to 33, wherein first and second sections include a channel portion for mounting on a flange of the window frame.

35. The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said at least one the part comprises a flocked lip for pressing against a window pane and the limb extending from the channel portion, the lip extending from the distal end of the limb.

36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said other parts have non-flocked surfaces extending from the distal end of the limb.